















# A TRULY WELL-ROUNDED PROGRAM

September 7th marked the end of the most successful National Rifle and Pistol Matches since 1940. On that day sixty-five rifle teams competed for the National Trophy which was first awarded by Congress in 1903 and which has been in constant competition since that date. Over two thousand individuals had participated in the small bore, pistol and 30 caliber events. Almost five hundred individuals received training in the Small Arms Firing School in how to teach marksmanship to others. One hundred and twenty-seven attended the evening sessions of the Range Officer and Referee School to learn the best methods of organizing, supervising and conducting our rifle and pistol tournaments. Practically every state and territory, every branch of the Regular Service and every walk of life were represented among those who participated in the program. Father and son, jun-



ior and older, the tyro and the old-timer, were all present to improve themselves in marksmanship and to learn how best to impart their knowledge to others.

While still far short of the great spectacle of pre-war days, when the ranges now incorporated into the Erie Ordnance Depot permitted a concurrent firing of all three tournaments and Uncle Sam underwrote the program, was a most heartening experience and gave promise for the future.

Among the notables who visited the Matches and witnessed a part of the firing were: The Honorable John Slezak, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Matric), and President of the National Board for Promotion of Rifle Practice; General Lemuel C. Shepherd, Jr., Commandant of the Marine Corps; Lieutenant General John F. Dahlgren, Chief of the Army Field Force, and the various Adjutants General of the various States. Every one of them left Camp Perry convinced of the value of the Matches and their allied schools and the part that they play in the over-all national defense status.

It is easy for the uninformed and the uninitiated to criticize and condemn. It is easy for one who has never seen the National Matches to refer to them as "competitive sporting events" and to the participants as "hobby shooters." It is regrettable therefore, that many others who are directly concerned with our national defense could not have spent a few hours at Camp

Perry also. If they had, they too, would have been converted to the worthiness of the National Board program.

They would have seen, for example, that over five hundred of the thirteen hundred odd competitors in the 30 caliber rifle and pistol events came from the Regular Services—Army, the Navy, the Marine Corps, Coast Guard and the Air Force. These men were not there as "hobby shooters" taking part in a "sporting" event. They were there at the direction of their superiors to increase their capabilities as instructors of others in the matter of how to hit a mark. They came from posts and stations, from ships and squadrons, from regiments and corps throughout the world. Already they have returned to these far-flung units to train, to instruct and to encourage others in the techniques of rifle and pistol marksmanship.

These visitors would have seen, too, some thirty law-enforcement agencies from as many different communities throughout the country and the National Guard from sixteen states and the Territory of Hawaii represented on the firing line. Today these men, too, are home again, passing on to others the shooting lore which they have acquired at Perry.

The same holds true for the civilian participants who came in greater number than did the servicemen, the policeman and the guardsman combined. They came for exactly the same reason—to improve themselves in marksmanship so that they might be better prepared to train others who may be called upon to serve.

None of us believe that the National Board for Promotion of Rifle Practice should confine its efforts solely to the support of the National Matches as it came to do pre-war. None of us believe that the ability to hit the bullseye on a known distance range makes an individual a finished combat marksman. But all of us believe that these two things taken together provide a very essential element in our national defense.

A man cannot become a good combat marksman until he has acquired confidence in the weapon he shoots and in his ability to hit what he aims at. The National Matches are the testing ground of the marksman and of the weapon and the ammunition which he uses. There is no other place at which the Regular, the civilian, the National Guardsman and the Reserve can mingle freely to exchange ideas and to improve each other in the art of shooting.

It is the function of the National Matches to produce instructors in marksmanship. It is the function of the National Board to make it possible for these instructors to pass on their knowledge to others.

The Board is not concerned with the training of the men in service. That is the responsibility of the several Departments of the Armed Forces, each of which have the funds and the personnel means to discharge it. The Board is concerned, however, with the training of those citizens who are not in uniform but who may be called upon to serve their country in time of war. The National Board and the Armed Forces, then, complement each other in the common purpose of building our nation again into a nation of marksmen.

There is, however, a material difference between the two. Those competitors who attended the National Matches from the Regular Services, law enforcement agencies, and the National Guard by and large have their transportation, their subsistence and their other expenses defrayed by the Service or the Municipality or the State they represented. The civilian shooter had to pay for these things out of his own pocket. When the first group return to their duty station or home, they are by and large paid for the time they spend as instructors, and the ammunition which they or their students use in training is furnished to them. On the other hand, when he picks up the burden of instructing the juniors in his community or the young friends of military age in marksmanship, the civilian does so on his own time without remuneration, and often on ranges which he himself has helped construct. Further than that, he will henceforth, because Congress has now so decreed it, be forced to purchase from his own funds the ammunition he needs to train them.

The National Board was created to serve the country at large. Even though it is an agency within the Department of the Army, this program is of benefit to every Service and to the Nation as a whole, not just the Army alone. The appropriations which are made for it, therefore, should be considered as an overall Department of Defense Appropriation,

not just an Army Appropriation. If necessary, the Secretary of Defense and the Appropriations Committees of the House and Senate should insist that the Navy, the Marine Corps, the Air Force and the Army contribute each proportionately to the \$800,000 required by the Board for fiscal year 1955.

The National Matches exemplify the unity of purpose of all segments of our people who believe that the ability to shoot straight is a part of the defense of our country. It is a job for the Armed Forces, the law-enforcement agencies, the reserve components and civilians alike. Only if Congress realizes this fact and supports the civilian agency—the National Board for Promotion of Rifle Practice—as it does the Armed Forces with funds adequate to do its job, will we have a truly well-rounded marksmanship program.



## Activities of Glades Scouts

Sponsored by the PTA, Girl Scout Activities for the coming season got underway last week with the various troops meeting at the Girl Scout Hut.

The second grade Brownies met on Wednesday with their leaders, Mrs. Henry Bridges and Mrs. David Motis. Gather-

ing together at 3 pm were: Patsy Dooley, Janet Connell, Cherry Bridges, Sharon Motis, Judy Green, Barbara Collins, Davine Watson, Ann Pesceck, Evelyn Harris, Rachel Collier, Marilyn Rabin, Sandra Tillman, Martha Heath, and Kaye Williams. Serving as troop committee members for this group are the following: Mrs. Bruce Williams, chairman, Mrs. Ellison Watson and Mrs. Calvin Pesceck.

The third grade Brownies met on Thursday at 3:15 at the Hut with Mrs. James A. Ball, Jr. and Mrs. Peter LaChance serving as co-leaders. This group includes Margo Averill, Bonnie Jean Anderson, Frances Ball, Cynthia Clayton, Sally Collier, Mary Nell Collins, Peggy Farmer, Vicki Hollingsworth, Anna Marie LaChance, Shirley Joyce Meloy, Doris Muller, Mary Lou Raulerson, Margaret Thames, Sharon Tabb, Pat Webster, Barbara Wolf, Pat Wilkison, Elsa Whitesman, Loreta Whitten, Susan Zumpf, and Kathy Clements. The troop committee includes Mrs. W. L. Thames, Jr., chairman, Mrs. Emil Wolf, Mrs. R. E. Muller, Mrs. Clyde Clayton, Mrs. A. H. Zumpf.

Mrs. William Houmes and Mrs. Victor Green are co-leaders for the fourth grade Brownies who will hold their meetings at the home of Mrs. William Houmes, 25 N. W. Ave. G. The leaders have room for more girls in their group and will welcome additional members on the meeting day which is Wednesday at 3 pm. Present mem-

bers include Patricia Anderson, Judith Amedee, Penny and Peggy Carlton, Iris Blum, Elaine Pelting, Eleanor Houmes, and Kathie White.

The first year intermediates which include girls in the fifth grade of school meet at the Girl Scout Hut on Thursday at 3:15 with their leader Mrs. Fred C. White. Mrs. White has room for more girls in her group and those interested should attend

next Thursday's meeting. At present Helen Hart, Linda Lutz, Ann Murray, Jane Kirchman, Jean Farmer, Phyllis Tillman, Ellen Lindrose and Margaret Irwin are working on their requirements for the tenderfoot badge. The girls have elected the following officers: Ellen Lindrose, president; Phyllis Tillman, vice president; Helen Hart, secretary; Ann Murray, treasurer.

The second year intermediates have met as yet. Activities for this group will get underway when Mrs. W. D. Matthews, their leader, returns from Maryland in November.

Next week will be observed as Girl Scout week throughout the nation and the local girls will observe the week within their own troop meetings. Sunday is given over to church activities, while Monday is designated as Homemaking day. Citizenship day falls on Tuesday and Health and Safety will be observed on Wednesday. International Friendship Day will come on Thursday with Arts and Crafts on Friday and Saturday will close the week by being observed as an Out-of-Doors Day.

## KENNETH LUTZ IS ON ROTC PROMOTION LIST

Kenneth E. Lutz, Jr., major, sergeant, is on the promotion list of outstanding R.O.T.C. students at Florida Institute of Technology as announced by Col. Glenn G. Dickenson, professor of military sciences and tactics.

Kenneth is the son of Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Lutz, Sr., and is in his junior year at Southern. He is a member of the R.O.T.C. band, The Florida Southern College Concert Choir, Pi Kappa Alpha and a crew member. He is majoring in industrial architecture.

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### SOUTH BAY BEAN CITY LAKE HARBOR

Mrs. Lessie Martin returned to her third and fourth grade class room Monday after four days absence on account of illness. Mrs. Laura Willis taught her classes in her absence.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hawkins of Miami were weekend house guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Martin.

F. W. Kelley had the misfortune to get a piece of steel imbedded in his right eye while at work last week and is under a physician's care. It is not thought to have penetrated any vital spot and is expected to make a complete recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hardy of Lakeland have been here this past week visiting her mother, Mrs. L. O. Ratley, a patient at St. Mary's Hospital. Mrs. Edwin Dorsey of Texas is also here and another daughter, Mrs. Charles Lashley of Tampa was down for the week Wednesday. Mrs. Jack Ratley and sons of Washington, D. C., who have been visiting her parents in Plant City, also spent the day here recently.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Johnson of West Palm Beach were the Sunday guests of his niece and nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Gloss at South Shore Plantation.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Edna York attended a roast turkey dinner meeting of American Legion Hollywood Post No. 92 Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Jackson and family accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Edna York attended the Belle Glade visited Mrs. Jackson's sister in Orlando Sunday.

Mrs. Julian Wood and son, Brent have returned home from Sumpterville, where she has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Tompkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Rollin Plank, Mrs. J. A. Henderson, W. C. Allen, Miss Jane Allen and Miss Susie Dee, representing the American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 161, were hosts at the game party for the veterans at Pratt General Hospital Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Quinn of Copeland were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Walker.

Mrs. Mary McCosher has returned home from the Belle Glade Memorial Hospital under doctors orders to remain in bed for at least a week until fully recovered from her recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Martin have purchased a home on Hudson's Farms and will move their family from Okelanta in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Drawdy have purchased on the Carroll Warren home and moved into it over the weekend.

Mrs. L. O. Ratley has been a patient at St. Mary's Hospital in West Palm Beach for the last week.

Patry, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Junior Cobb had a narrow escape from death or critical injuries last week when her father, in trying to get the car started, accidentally backed over the tot. Fortunately the wheel ran over her hair and only grazed her neck and ear. She was hospitalized over night for first aid and check-up. An X-ray showed no skull injuries and she was returned home the next day.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Wells and family have returned from West Palm Beach to Bean City for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Blackwell and son Billy of Orlando were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Harrell in Bean City.

Mrs. James Grant and four children of Naples spent Friday & Sunday with her father, J. P. Prevatt in Bean City.

Mrs. Cora Marlowe, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey McAllister visited Mr. and Mrs. Paul Touchstone and family in Fort Meyers over the weekend and Mrs. McAllister remained for a few days longer visit with her parents.

### HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL NEXT THURSDAY TO BE BIG EVENT FOR SO. BAY.

The annual Halloween Carnival will be the event of the week Thursday, October 29. Festivities will start at 5 o'clock with a costume parade through town to the James B. Jeffries Memorial Park, where prizes for the best costumes will be presented. Immediately following the parade the American Legion Auxiliary will serve a barbecue dinner at the park, starting to serve at 6 o'clock. Various civic organizations and individuals are cooperating in the success of the carnival. The American Legion will be in charge of pony rides, Mead

Willits, fire chief, will have charge of the fire truck rides and W. C. Allen is sponsoring rides in the 40 and 8 locomotive. The main attraction will be in charge of the refreshment booth, hamburgers, hot dogs, etc.

The cake walk will be under direction of Mrs. Beryl Davis and Melvin Herring.

Each home room will also be in charge of a booth or activity. The seventh and eighth grades will have a double fish pond and also be in charge of the car parking lot.

The fifth and sixth grade will have a ring toss game.

The fourth will sell candied apples and soft drinks. The second and third will have potted plants and cuttings for sale.

The first grade will be in charge of the candy booth.

Mrs. Mildred Challancin is general chairman, assisted by the teachers and room mothers and representatives from the various civic clubs and organizations.

### ROOM REPRESENTATIVES TO GLADES COUNCIL OF J. RED CROSS NAMED

The Glades Council of the Junior Red Cross was held at the South Bay School on Thursday afternoon, October 15, at 3 o'clock.

The Council is made up of two representatives from each home room in the South Bay, Belle Glade, Pahokee and Canal Point Schools, their teacher and Parent Teacher Association are sponsors.

There were approximately 40 members, and their sponsors at the session last week. Katy Wilson of Pahokee presided over the short business session.

Mrs. Muriel Pringle, Junior Red Cross Director of West Palm Beach, gave an interesting and informative talk on the Junior Red Cross work in neighboring South American and European Countries.

Junior Red Cross mothers of South Bay provided and served refreshments at the close of the business meeting. Cake, cookies and punch were served by Mrs. Frank Willis, Mrs. C. E. Parker, Mrs. H. G. Parker and Mrs. W. W. Forsgoun.

The room representatives to the council from South Bay are: Editha Eckman, Susan Allen and Billy Forsgoun. Second and third home room representatives are: Mrs. Olga Hargis, Ginger Crichfield and Richard Willis. Third, fourth home room taught by Mrs. Lettie Martin, Mary Mathewson and Teresa Parker. Fifth and sixth grades taught by Mrs. Ann Quaillette, Bonnie Bowen and Rebecca Woodham. Seventh grade taught by Steve Tomkins, Billy Miller and J. D. Michael. Eighth grade taught by Principal Pellon Morris, Marilyn Prevatt and Patricia Cato.

### TURKEY DINNER MARKS BIRTHDAY OF H. WALKER

Mrs. Edna Walker entertained at a turkey dinner on October 14 honoring her son, Horace H. Walker on his birthday. Many acceptable gifts were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Walker in memory of the day.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bowen, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. O'Neal Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Walker, Gordon Bowen, W. J. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Berline Walker, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Herring, Mr. and Mrs. James C. Summerlin.

### GARDEN CLUB HOLDS SEASONS FIRST MEET

The Garden Club held their first meeting at the Legion Hall Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Mark Challancin presiding in the absence of the president, Mrs. John L. Evans.

The annual membership drive was announced as in progress.

It was decided for the club to plant a sabal palm, the Florida State tree, in the James B. Jeffries Memorial Park which is being developed by the city and county as a roadside recreational park.

Topics suggested for early programs during the year were: 1. Growing hibiscus from seed. 2. Orchid culture for the amateur. 3. The making of corsages. 4. Air rooting of trees and shrubs.

Mrs. Challancin and Mrs. Mary Waters were hostesses for the afternoon and served refreshments to Mrs. Laura Willis, Mrs. Betty Willis, Mrs. Edna Henderson, Mrs. Albert Roadman and Mrs. Gertrude Willis.

### NEW RAIN COATS PROVIDED FOR SAFETY PATROL BOYS. PATROL MEMBERS NAMED

The organization of the South Bay School Boy Safety Patrol for the purpose of protecting the passing of school children across the main highway in

front of the school and slowing down traffic is sponsored by the local Parent-Teachers Association, which has provided rain coats and helmets for the troopers on duty. It is under the direction of Principal Pellon Morris and Chief of Police R. C. White, safety director of the City Council.

New school warning signs have been purchased and set up by the City Council.

Two troopers are on duty morning, noon and afternoon during the passing of children and Chief White is on duty each morning until school convenes.

David White is captain and Mike Challancin lieutenant of the patrol. There are four members from each of the grammar grades assigned to the patrol.

They are: Eighth grade, Bob Willis, Ray Clarend, Eugene Crews and Cecil Harrell; seventh grade, John Little, Billy Miller, J. D. Michael and Wayne Harrell; sixth grade, Ota Yarbrough, Jim Challancin, John Willis and Danny Manga.

### LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT PLAN MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 161 met at the South Bay Legion Hall Monday evening for their monthly business session.

Plans were laid for an all day quilting with a covered dish luncheon at noon for Thursday.

Announcement was made for each member to bring their Joy Shop gifts to the next meeting on October 28 to be turned over to the three veterans hospitals at Coral Gables, Bay Pines and Lake City.

It was voted to order framed historical documents, the U. S. Constitution and Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, to be donated to the South Bay and Lake Harbor Soldiers.

All members were asked to participate as hosts to the veterans at Pratt General Hospital on Coral Gables on Monday night at their weekly game party.

Those attending were Mrs. Gladys Mitchell, Mrs. Edna Walker, Mrs. Ida Vee Walker, Mrs. Bonita Henderson, Mrs. Frank Wilson, Mrs. Lillian Lockmiller and Mrs. J. A. Henderson.

### SOUTH BAY BAPTIST TO OBSERVE HOMECOMING DAY

The South Bay Baptist Church will observe their annual Homecoming Day next Sunday, October 25 with an all day program and a covered dish luncheon at 12 noon. The luncheon will be budget tree.

The hostess served brownies, cake and punch to Esther Walker, Ethel Davis, Hattie White, Lizzie Roberts, Penny Williams and Lucille Walker.

According to tradition, Judas had been known as the "Judas Tree", also known as the Red-bud tree.

### VETERANS INFORMATION AND SERVICE

By Melvin T. Dixon  
State Service Officer

Veterans can save themselves a lot of needless effort if they will pay their National Service Life Insurance premiums when due or at least within the 31-day grace period.

The actual date of lapse is the due date of the first premium in default and not the last day of the grace period, because no premium payment was made for the full insurance protection granted during the 31-day grace period.

For term NSLI failure to pay within the grace period will cause the insurance to lapse and reinstatement — accompanied by two monthly premiums (without interest) — must be made within the allowable term period. Reinstatement of lapsed

permanent NSLI may be made at any time upon payment of all back premiums, plus interest. Lapsed GI insurance of more than three months requires that the veteran undergo a physical examination.

The VA will recognize a premium being accepted when it is deposited in the U. S. mails within the regular 31-day period, in an envelope addressed to the VA office. Payment may be made by money sent via registered mail, personal check, draft, or money order.

If the VA tries to collect and finds that it can't because of an error on the part of the bank on which the check was drawn, or of an error in the instrument, and not for lack of funds, the insured will be given an additional 31-day period from the date of a letter notifying him of such non-payment, in which to

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